

To All Pack + all members

MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON GROUP RELATIONS

Rm. 214-City Hall

Newark, N. J.

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Dear Friend:

A number of Newark residents are cooperating with the Mayor's Commission on Group Relations by filling out the enclosed forms. Your answers and comments will prove very helpful in designing the final questionnaire which will be used to determine general public attitudes on statements and questions pertinent to the work of the Commission.

There are no right or wrong answers to any of these questions; we want to know how you personally think or feel about them so that we can consider your views in making our plans for the coming year.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel S. Anthony
Daniel S. Anthony,
Executive Director

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Enclosure

*Dear All - Thank you for
not forgetting all Commission
members. Will discuss this
when you return.*

The following pages contain a number of statements about which there is no general agreement. People differ widely in the way they feel about each item. There are no right answers. The purpose of the survey is to see how different groups feel about each item. We would like your honest opinion on each of these statements.

Indicate at the blank next to each statement:

(PLUS) +3 FOR STRONGLY AGREE	(MINUS) -3 FOR STRONGLY DISAGREE
(PLUS) +2 FOR AGREE	(MINUS) -2 FOR DISAGREE
(PLUS) +1 FOR MILDLY AGREE	(MINUS) -1 FOR MILDLY DISAGREE

1. Obedience and respect for authority are the most important virtues children should learn. _____
2. No weakness or difficulty can hold us back if we have enough will power. _____
3. Science has its place, but there are many important things that can never possibly be understood by the human mind. _____
4. Human nature being what it is, there will always be war and conflict. _____
5. Every person should have complete faith in some supernatural power whose decisions he obeys without question. _____
6. When a person has a problem or worry, it is best for him not to think about it, but to keep busy with more cheerful things. _____
7. A person who has bad manners, habits, and breeding can hardly expect to get along with decent people. _____
8. What youth needs most is strict discipline, rugged determination and the will to work and fight for family and country. _____
9. Some people are born with an urge to jump from high places. (together _____
10. Nowadays when so many different kinds of people move around and mix so much, a person has to protect himself especially carefully against catching an infection or disease from them. _____
11. An insult to our honor should always be punished. _____
12. Young people sometimes get rebellious ideas, but as they grow up they ought to get over them and settle down. _____
13. It is best to use some prewar authorities in Germany to keep order and prevent chaos. _____
14. What this country needs most, more than laws and political programs, is a few courageous, tireless, devoted leaders in whom the people can put their faith. _____
15. Sex crimes, such as rape and attacks on children, deserve more than mere imprisonment; such criminals ought to be publicly whipped, or worse. _____
16. People can be divided into two distinct classes: the weak and the strong. _____
17. There is hardly anything lower than a person who does not feel a great love, gratitude, and respect for his parents. _____
18. Someday it will probably be shown that astrology can explain a lot of things. _____
19. Nowadays more and more people are prying into matters that should remain personal and private. _____
20. Wars and social troubles may someday be ended by an earthquake or flood that will destroy the whole world. _____
21. Most of our social problems would be solved if we could somehow get rid of the immoral, crooked and feeble-minded people. _____
22. The wild sex life of the old Greeks and Romans was tame compared to some of the goings-on in this country, even in places where people might expect it. _____
23. If people would talk less and work more, everybody would be better off. _____
24. Most people don't realize how much our lives are controlled by plots hatched in secret places. _____
25. Homosexuals are hardly better than criminals and ought to be severely punished. _____
26. The business man and the manufacturer are much more important to society than the artist and the professor. _____
27. No sane, normal, decent person could ever think of hurting a close friend or relative. _____
28. Familiarity breeds contempt. _____
29. Nobody ever learned anything really important except through suffering. _____

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- Most Negroes in this community have a special understanding of Jews because they have both felt the brunt of discrimination. _____
- The way our country is changing - Negroes usually move into sections which Jews have just left. _____
- The Jew is the least prejudiced minority in our society because he has felt the full impact of prejudice and discrimination. _____
- There is no denying the fact that most Negroes would prefer to live in their own selected neighborhoods. _____
- Jews have accumulated most of the wealth in America because they are particularly shrewd where money is concerned. _____
- Practically all Negroes feel a special gratitude to the Jewish minority which has helped them in their struggles for freedom and equality. _____
- Because of the Jews' traditional interest in the underdog, he is the Negroes' closest friend and sympathizer. _____
- For one reason or other, most Jewish men in this part of the country do not wear mustaches. _____
- The Negro is the least prejudiced minority in our society because he has felt the full impact of abuse and discrimination. _____
- There is no denying the fact that most Jews would prefer to live in their own selected neighborhoods. _____
- When Jews move into a Protestant-white neighborhood, property values decline. _____
- Most Jews in this community have a special understanding of Negroes because they have both felt the brunt of discrimination. _____
- No matter how much we believe in democracy, Negroes will never be accepted in our country as whites are. _____
- If the Negro could only keep to himself just as the Jews have done, no white would have anything to complain about. _____
- The greatest problem concerning the Negro race in this community deals, in one way or another, with the sexual and intermarriage factors. _____
- When Negroes move into an all white neighborhood, property values decline. _____
- For one reason or another, most Negro men in this part of the country wear mustaches. _____
- Negroes will soon equal Jews in wealth and prosperity because they are following right in their footsteps. _____
- As much as we believe in the brotherhood of man, whites are not going to accept the Negro as a full-fledged equal in the USA. _____
- Integration means social equality for the Negro, which he will follow-up first with dating whites, then with intermarriage. _____
- Negro families lower the status and prestige of a neighborhood when they move into an all white block. _____
- Although we use the term integration to mean mixing of Negroes and whites in schools and housing, the races do not actually mix, they suffer one another for the sake of peace and harmony. _____
- No matter how much we talk about brotherhood and democracy, most people are not yet ready to accept Negroes as next door neighbors. _____
- No matter how much we talk about brotherhood and democracy, most people are not yet ready to accept Jews as next door neighbors. _____

25. Because the path to economic and social progress is a difficult one, Negroes will never be able to equal the success of the Jews in this part of the country.
26. Jewish merchants and property owners have made a good deal of money in overcharging Negroes.
27. Negroes as a group dislike Jews because some smart ones have made a quick buck on the Negro families who now live in former Jewish neighborhoods.
28. The Negro is always forced to take the Jewish "left-overs" because the Jew is the most recent to escape from the slum ghetto.
29. Negroes on the whole are dressing far better today than they did 15 or 20 years ago.
30. Just as all Negroes have a flair for rhythm and music, they also have a flair for Cadillacs and fancy clothing.
31. No Negro school teacher in Newark has qualified for a Newark Vice-Principal's assignment because of the basic differences between Negro and white intelligence.
32. The need of white residents to conform to accepted majority standards of behavior is not a factor in their decisions to move out when Negroes move into their neighborhoods.

Please use the rest of this page to write your comments and criticisms of these statements. All results will be held in complete confidence.

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MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON GROUP RELATIONS QUESTIONNAIRE

(Please answer all questions if possible and include comments wherever you desire.)

1. In your recollection of conversations with your friends, how long do they think it will be before school integration will be accepted by the South? (Check One)
- ☐ A. Never
- ☐ B. Possibly within another 100 years
- ☐ C. Possibly within another 50 years
- ☐ D. Within another generation
- ☐ E. Within the next five years.
2. What is your answer to the same question
- A. ☐ B. ☐ C. ☐ D. ☐ E. ☐
3. In your estimation, what is the major difference between Northern white attitudes toward Negroes and Southern white attitudes toward Negroes?
- Answer: _____
- _____
- _____
4. What is the biggest "problem" relating to Negro-white relations in Newark today?
- ☐ A. Their laziness, indifference and slovenliness
- ☐ B. Their "chip on the shoulder" attitude
- ☐ C. Their desire to integrate with white society
- ☐ D. Their immoral and criminal tendencies.
- ☐ E. Their desire to achieve equality overnight
- ☐ F. Any other _____
- _____
- _____

5. What is the one thing that Negroes as a group could do to gain your respect and confidence?
6. What do you think most Negroes want to achieve in their struggles toward first-class citizenship?
7. Of all the Negroes you know, about what percentage would fall into each of the following categories?
- A. Close personal friends, go out with them as I do with whites
- B. Friends I visit at home or have asked to my home on occasion
- C. Speaking acquaintances whom I accept on a casual basis
- D. I know them but don't enjoy associating with them
- E. Avoid having anything to do with them
8. A Negro family is moving next-door to the home which you own and live in. What would be your immediate feeling and reaction?
- (Place numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 in accordance with their importance to you)
- A. A decrease in my property values
- B. A lowering of the social status of the neighborhood
- C. Annoyance or anxiety over possible social relationships
- D. Consequences of interracial dating of their kids and mine
- E. Just plain anger that they can't stay with their own people.
- Other _____

9. What impels most Negro families to move into all-white neighborhoods?

- ☐ A. Because the NAACP and other "do-good" organizations have pressured them to do so.
- ☐ B. Because most Negroes have chips on their shoulders and want to get back at the white man
- ☐ C. Because they want a decent home in a neighborhood where their children can get equal educational opportunities
- ☐ D. Because it is the goal of most Negroes to integrate into white society as quickly as possible
- ☐ E. Because they think they are just a little too good for the rest of their own people.

10. The Federal Housing Authority and the laws of the State of New Jersey as corroborated by the Supreme Court of the United States in the Levitt Decision on June 13, 1960, say there will no longer be discrimination because of race, religion or nationality in any Federally or publically subsidized housing. We are attempting to build a new Newark. Many new apartment buildings, both low-cost, middle income and luxury facilities are contemplated.

A. Should the owners rent an apartment in the Colonnade Luxury Buildings

- ☐ Yes to whites if they know they are going to have Negro families living
- ☐ No on the same floor?

(Explain if you wish) _____

B. If you had a home in the suburbs and were planning on moving back to

- ☐ Yes the City, would you buy into a new middle-income apartment--(\$35 per
- ☐ No room), if you know Negroes were going to be offered the same opportunities?
- (Explain if you wish) _____
- _____
- _____

10. Would you rent a luxury apartment in a beautiful, modern building if

Yes it were adjacent to an equally modern, low-cost, public housing project?

No (Explain if you wish) _____

11. Do you think at this stage of our socio-economic development, the U.S.

Yes should eliminate all low-cost public housing?

No (Explain if you wish) _____

12. Does the State of New Jersey have the right to pass legislation which

Yes will rule: that if you own a home and put it up for sale, you, the

No seller, cannot demand that your property be sold to a white person and not a Negro?

13. Under the same conditions of ownership, as in question 12, if you con-

Yes tract a broker to sell your property, should he have the right to list

No it "for white occupancy only"?

14. As you think back over your life experiences, can you recall any inci-

Yes dents in which you felt as angry toward Chinese, Japanese, Mexicans,

No Italians, Jews, Catholics or Protestants as you have felt against

No Negroes and Puerto Ricans?

Please explain _____

15. Can you think of one or two possible solutions to the "race problem"

in America?

1. _____

2. _____

16. Neighborhood deterioration and blight secondary Negro move-ins (reverse of)
(Check only one)

- ☐ A. The negative attitudes of city administrators concerning the Negro.
☐ B. The lack of zoning and code enforcement on the part of city officials
☐ C. The precipitate flight of white families out of the neighborhood
☐ D. A combination of all of the above factors and many more

17. When Negro children become a majority ☐ Agree strongly
in any school population, the academic progress of white children is ☐ Agree mildly
automatically slowed down. ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
☐ Disagree mildly
☐ Disagree strongly

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18. When Negro children become a majority ☐ Agree strongly
in any school population, disciplinary problems always increase ☐ Agree mildly
because of the lax up-bringing ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
of Negroes ☐ Disagree mildly
☐ Disagree strongly

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19. School administrators usually give ☐ Agree strongly
special services and attention to ☐ Agree mildly
schools in changing neighborhoods because they want Negro children to ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
have the same advantages and facilities ☐ Disagree mildly
as white children ☐ Disagree strongly

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20. The fact that 20 African countries are achieving their independence by the end of 1960 is proof that the United States is fostering equality for the Negro throughout the world.
- ___Agree strongly
___Agree mildly
___Neither agree nor disagree
___Disagree mildly
___Disagree strongly
21. The Southern sit-ins of Negro and white youths at lunch counters is an invasion of the property rights of the owners.
- ___Agree strongly
___Agree mildly
___Neither agree nor disagree
___Disagree mildly
___Disagree strongly
22. The Supreme Court's decision on desegregation of schools in the U. S. was an NAACP inspired maneuver to embarrass white Southerners.
- ___Agree strongly
___Agree mildly
___Neither agree nor disagree
___Disagree mildly
___Disagree strongly
23. If Newark should ever become more than 50% Negro, all the remaining white families would move out of the city as soon as possible.
- ___Agree strongly
___Agree mildly
___Neither agree nor disagree
___Disagree mildly
___Disagree strongly
24. The new building program and Urban Renewal in Newark will attract many new white residents regardless of the growth of the Negro population.
- ___Agree strongly
___Agree mildly
___Neither agree nor disagree
___Disagree mildly
___Disagree strongly

24. I have lived in this neighborhood ____ years.
25. My plans for the future are:
____ A. To stay where I am
____ B. To move out of Newark as soon as possible
____ C. To move as soon as I can sell my house
____ D. To move to another neighborhood in Newark
26. The neighborhood in which I now live is approximately-
____ A. 100% all white
____ B. 75% white
____ C. About 50-50 white-Negro
____ D. About 75% Negro
____ E. About 95-100% Negro
27. As you think of all your present friends and compare yourself with them, are you more prejudiced than they are?
____ More
____ Less
____ Same

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My total personal income is about _____ per year
Our total family income is about _____ per year
I have had _____ years of education
College graduate _____ Post graduate work _____
My present occupation is _____
I work for _____

Will you please state below any criticisms or reactions you have of this questionnaire?

Name

Address

Business phone

Home phone